Sir. There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

कर-अपवंचन के सम्बन्ध में आयकर विभाग को प्राप्त हुई शिकायतें

279. श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान संघ-राज्य क्षेत्र दिल्ली में आयकर अपवंचन के संबंध में आयकर विभाग को कितनी शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं ?

वित्त मंत्री (प्रो० मधुदण्डवते): आयकर की चोरी के आरोपों के सम्बन्ध में सरकार को विविध स्तरों पर प्राप्त होने वाली शिकायतों पर मुख्यतया आयकर विभाग के जाँच-स्कंध द्वारा कार्यवाही की जाती है। 1987–88, 1988–89 तथा 1989–90 (दिनांक 28 फरवरी, 1990 तक) के वित्त वर्षों के दौरान आयकर निदेशक (जांच), दिल्ली को कर की चोरी के बारे में 2628 याचिकाएं प्राप्त हुई थीं।

Increase in the Equity of Pepsi Project

280. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approved the increase in Equity from Rs. 9 crore to Rs. 25 crore in respect of Pepsi Cola Project as per the newsitem in the Business Standard dated the 16th February 1990;

(b) if so what is the justification for such a steep increase in project cost especially when fruit processing has been dropped;

(c) how does Pepsi Project's tomato processing compare with the Nijjar Farm's tie with Punjab Agro proposal for tomato processing; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Nijjar Farms has been exporting tomato seeds to U.S.A.; if so where from Pepsi Foods got the tomato seeds for the Punjab farmers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) There are no indications that *Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd. have dropped* fruit processing. The reasons given by M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation for increasing project cost were as follows:—

(1) The project profile has been substantially enhanced and significantly higher investments are proposed in the core areas of fruit/vegetable and grain processing.

(2) The investments in fixed assets such as land, equipment plant and machinery and supporting infrastructural and ancillary facilities would be at higher levels.

(3) Since 1986 when the project was mooted inflationary pressures have increased the cost substantially.

(4) As part of the export programme they have proposed additional investment in product development.

(5) There has been significant devaluation of Indian rupee which would also substantially inflat the project cost in rupee terms.

(c) The cost of Pepsi for tomato processing project has been indicated as Rs. 16.54 crores whereas the project of Nijjar Farm's tie with Punjab Agro for tomato processing is estimated to cost Rs. 10.74 crores.